



City of Rochester Hills
 AGENDA SUMMARY
 NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2019-0090

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Sean Canto, Chief of Fire and Emergency Services
DATE: February 25, 2019
SUBJECT: OAKWAY MUTUAL AID PACT

REQUEST:

Requesting City Council to approve a resolution adopting MEMBERSHIP IN OAKWAY MUTUAL AID PACT

BACKGROUND:

The City of Rochester Hills and the Rochester Hills Fire department has elected to become members of the OAKWAY MUTUAL AID PACT. The mission of OAKWAY(made up of the following communities: Bloomfield Township, West Bloomfield, Birmingham, Royal Oak, Ferndale, Madison Heights, Waterford Regional, Southfield, Farmington Hills, and Rochester Hills) is to provide immediate aid and support to member departments when they are met with large-scale emergency or High Risk/Low Frequency Events that overwhelm their resources. This is achieved through thorough training and preparedness, combined with a prompt response, and a positive caring attitude toward all in need. Members of OAKWAY also maintain special operations/hazardous material equipment as a group, in doing so, this does not require one (1) agency to foot the costs of such an endeavor which is rarely utilized, but extremely necessary. OAKWAY is a unique organization in that every participant agency has adopted the same PACT with their counterpart OAKWAY agencies. OAKWAY agencies, regardless of their geopolitical origin, are able to work together seamlessly on any emergency scene. OAKWAY agencies are activated for response through pre-designed "run" cards each participating agency designs and tailors to meet their local risk need. OAKWAY also provides mutual aid station coverage to an overwhelmed community when their Fire/EMS resources are committed to a large-scale incident for an extended period. Cost for membership is one (1) time initial cost of \$5000.00 and then a \$5000.00 annual membership fee.

RECOMMENDATION:

This inter-local agreement has been reviewed by the City Attorney and Fire Department Administration requests that City Council approve entry into the inter-local agreement with the OAKWAY MUTUAL AID PACT beginning March 1, 2019.

APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		01-28-19
Department Director		01-28-19
Mayor		
Deputy Clerk		

